

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before line 2, the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert the following title and paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/EP99/07849, filed on October 15, 1999. Priority is claimed on that application and on the following application, Country: Germany, Application No.: 198 47 665.5, Filed: October 15, 1998. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Time synchronization of a transmitting and receiving device is effected with the aid of a clock device containing a time signal generator 24 and a clock 26. For this purpose, the time signal generator receives a public time signal (the signal DCF 77 in Germany) through and antenna 25 and forms therefrom a second clock signal *s* and a minute clock signal *m*. The second clock signal is fed to the clock 26 which generates in synchronism with the second clock signal *s* a fast pulse train, ~~in the present case a pulse train with~~ having a frequency within the range including 100 kHz to 10 MHz, and preferably having a frequency of one megahertz. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In accordance with FIG. 3, a transmitter *A* wants to communicate with a receiver *B*. For this purpose, the transmitter *A* sends the identification number of desired target device *B* (step ~~S4~~ S41). The step of calling the receiver *B* automatically causes the channel hopping sequence of the receiver *B* stored in the device to be adjusted in the transmitter *A* (step S42). --